

December 6, 1960

Mr. John Mendelsohn
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Dear Mr. Mendelsohn:

Because three months is such a short time to do some significant work, we have been rather cautious about accepting summer fellows from other institutions. The one basis on which we might waive this caution is the prospect that the summer period might plausibly lead to a more extensive association - in further summers or in postdoctoral work. I am not suggesting that either of us could make a firm agreement on these prospects but I would want to make sure that they are a plausible alternative among your future plans. If this is the case, I would be happy to assure that we could find a useful place for you during the coming summer. The directness of your letter and the similarity between your experience and interests and those of this department are, I hope, testimony for a mutually profitable and happy association.

At the present time, we have available some stipends for medical student research fellowships under an NIH training grant. The standard for these now is \$600 for the summer session; this might or might not be improved before next summer.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics